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MYSTERIOUS TRIP OF HON. R. F. GREEN

MET OFFICIALS OF RAILWAY IN OREGON

The Chief Commissioner Says It Has
Nothing to Do With Kaiten
Island.

The committee inquiring into the Kaiten Island land grant sat last evening. On the request of D. M. Eberst, acting for J. Anderson, the latter was not required to appear and give evidence. It was represented that a close personal friend of Mr. Anderson's had recently died and he preferred not to be called.

The committee under the circumstances excused him from attending. Hon. R. F. Green continued his evidence. He was asked by J. A. Macdonald: "Did you at any time make a trip to Portland in connection with concessions in British Columbia?"

Mr. Green: "No."
"Then you never met a representative of the company in Portland?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"Yes I did," returned witness. "That was in 1902 he said, before the Kaiten Island matter came up."

Mr. Bodwell wished to know when he would be expected to appear again. Mr. Macdonald said that he had not seen the evidence yet, the notes not being transcribed.

Mr. Ross said he would move that Mr. Bodwell be the first witness at the next meeting of the committee.

Mr. Macdonald said he would protest against this. He did not think the committee should be obliged to call Mr. Bodwell at the next sitting.

Mr. Bodwell said he would be willing to come whenever requested to do so. Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment that the matter be left open until Mr. Bodwell be heard from with reference to when he would leave the city.

The motion of Mr. Macdonald's was lost, and that of Mr. Ross carried, the chairman giving the casting vote in each case.

The question of allowing counsel was then referred to Deputy Attorney-General McLean. The latter said that if every witness appeared with counsel the time might be taken up with endless scrambles. The interests of a witness might be such as to demand counsel.

Mr. Macdonald wanted witness to fix the time he met representatives of the Grand Trunk Pacific in Portland.

Witness said that he could not say exactly when it was. It was when Messrs. Morse and Wainwright were in the province. He met them in Portland by appointment.

There was nothing pertinent to Kaiten Island discussed. The meeting was before the election. He had met these men prior to this in Victoria and Vancouver. He did not go to Tacoma at anytime to meet officials. He did not meet Mr. Lindsey at Portland as well as he could remember. He met Mr. Lindsey at Victoria and Fernia only.

There was nothing relative to the question before the committee discussed at that meeting in Portland. Witness said he did not care to say anything about that meeting as it had no reference to the Kaiten Island matter. There was nothing at all discussed which could in any way be construed as connected with Kaiten Island. Witness said he would decline to say anything more of it.

Witness said that he had nothing to do with the purchase of the steamer Fern. He had no recollection that he had ever been on board her. He had seen the steamer at the wharf.

Mr. Macdonald said he would go through the applications for land about Kaiten Island, produced by the chief commissioner and examine Hon. Mr. Green on these later. He also asked that all papers relative to a mineral claim, the Kelp, should be produced.

Chairman Garden questioned the chief commissioner with reference to the original reserve on Kaiten Island. Mr. Macdonald thought it wise that the map should be produced, and this was agreed to.

In reply to Mr. Ross, witness said that the crown was in a more favorable position than would be the case if the land had been taken up by pre-emptors. The government had the first choice of water front, which was to be divided into 1,000-foot blocks.

The land was not held to be valuable except for townsite purposes. The timber was not regarded as very valuable. The land would be classified as third class land, worth \$1 an acre.

Mr. Bodwell thought actually paid the money to him by draft, purchased by Mr. Morse.

There was a doubt at one time that the lands were not covered by reserve. There was little known of the territory, as evidenced by the fact that Kaiten Island was not known as an island.

Witness said he did not know. He had no knowledge.

Mr. Paterson wanted to know if there was only one or several harbors easy of access from the ocean and easy of access from land if the land about it were not worth more than land of the same quality in the interior.

Witness said it would be more valuable. The government, however, was getting more than \$1 an acre for this land in view of the other advantages the government got.

In reply to Mr. Macdonald witness said he did not know of other lands held by the government on Kaiten Island being 2,000 feet above the sea.

J. H. Ritchie, provincial land surveyor, was the next witness. He said he had gone to Kaiten Island in September, 1904, for the first time with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Mathews. He had gone up on the Tees a month ahead of the others. He did little work on Kaiten Island at that time. He was only about two hours there. He landed there. He had been surveying coal claims near Cape Caution for these men before that time. They left Kaiten Island for Eslington. He did not know whether Mr. Anderson and Mr. Mathews had been there before Kaiten Island was very rough with muskox on it. There was a high range of mountains on it. The mountain broke about the centre of the island and sloped in every direction. It rose to an elevation of perhaps 1,500 feet. That was about three miles from the sea. At the highest point in the island the mountain was about 2,300 feet high.

Witness surveyed the lots for the G. T. P. on the mainland. This was about the end of October, 1904. He found stakes under South African war scrip at the southwest corner of lot 443 when he made the survey. The stakes would call for 100 acres in 443. He could not remember the name on it. On lot 251 on Kaiten Island at the northwest corner he saw several stakes. He did not read the writing. Witness said he surveyed 505 on the mainland farther south for Mr. Anderson. Witness did not look for stakes.

Mr. Macdonald wanted to know if it was not usual to look for pre-emption stakes.

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Witness said all he did was to obey instructions as a surveyor. He could not remember that Mr. Anderson told him he was acting for some one else.

Witness said he had known Mr. Anderson for 10 or 12 years, and knew Mr. Anderson could not be expected to carry on all the staking without backing of some kind.

The water about the island was not very deep in Fern Passage nor at the First Rapids, about the centre of the island.

He saw the Fern at Kaiten Island, it was under the command of Capt. Shaw, and Commander Anderson, I suppose," asked Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Ritchie said Mr. Anderson was sometimes there.

Witness said he had no information as to where he was going. He had been promised no interest in the lands. He was simply employed as a surveyor.

The main harbor was seven miles of good shores line.

In reply to Mr. Ross witness said there were two or three square miles of good land on the island in the possession of the government. Cross-examined by Mr. Macdonald, however, he said it was about eight miles from where the townsite would be.

The committee then adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

CONFIDENCE IN BALFOUR.
Resolution Passed at Meeting of Unionists—The Duke of Devonshire's Attitude.

London, Feb. 15.—With former Premier Balfour's formal entry into the ranks of the "whole hoggers," as the Chamberlainites have dubbed the deal, public interest in to-day's meeting of Unionists at Lansdowne house was discounted and little was left for the assembly to consider but questions of party organizations and a general plan of campaign. The presence of the Duke of Devonshire, former president of the council, however, with his free food followers, was considered in quarters as giving promise of enlivening the proceedings.

From five hundred to six hundred Unionists attended the meeting which lasted half an hour. No reporters were admitted, but it is known that the proceedings were amicable. The Duke of Devonshire, however, showed no disposition to yield his views on fiscal reform. To all other questions he will give willing support to the party. He regretted to read the correspondence between Messrs. Balfour and Chamberlain, published this morning, indicating that they have substantially reached an agreement on this question. The Duke intimated that he would have to consult with the free traders of the party as to their future action.

Mr. Chamberlain also spoke. He declared that if the Duke of Devonshire's views prevailed the majority of the Unionist party would have to submit to the minority.

A resolution expressing confidence in Mr. Balfour was passed.

MAYOR MORLEY AND GAMBLING

IS DETERMINED IT MUST BE STOPPED

Nickel in the Slot Machines Will Remain Inoperative—Police Commissioners Meet.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the police commissioners the abolition of the nickel in the slot machines was discussed and Mayor Morley took occasion to emphasize his stand with respect to that form of gambling. He announced that nothing could induce him to moderate the stringent enforcement of the law in this regard except by proving that the use of these machines could not be termed gambling. The only way such a thing could be done would be to have the matter tested in the courts. There were present besides His Worship Mayor Morley, who occupied the chair, Ald. Douglas and Wm. Wables.

The engaged report was submitted by the chief of police:

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Board of Police Commissioners: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit my report for the month ending January 31st, 1906, as follows:

Police Court Record—Collections, 41; discharged, 67; sent to asylum, 2; safe keeping, 2; total, 70.

Patrol Wagon Record—Cash received from drunks, 17; cash from other sources, 45; approximate saving, 34.50; total, \$51.50. Calls, 56.

Meals Supplied to Prisoners at Police Station—No. of breakfasts, 190 at 15c, \$28.50; No. of dinners, 180 at 25c, \$45.00; No. of suppers, 180 at 15c, \$27.00; balance due December account, \$7; total, \$107.50.

It was received and filed.

A communication was then read from Chief Langley, recommending an increase in the force of local patrolmen and the installation of a telephone system giving connection from the most important beats to police headquarters.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Board of Police Commissioners: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following for your consideration: Since 1900, no increase in the number of men has been made in the police department. Since that year the extent of the business portion of the city has increased slightly, but from the fire to the boundary line many streets have been opened up and improved and a great number of new houses built. Now, during the period from 1900 to 1906 many complaints were made of destruction to houses, such as the breakage of windows, etc., etc., caused by boys and others, this being difficult to prevent, simply because we have no patrolmen available to attend to this district.

Inside the city limits, there are over 80 miles of improved streets to look after, or an area of 74 miles. I would beg to suggest that new patrol beats be made, and the only way that can be done is to increase the police force. In this connection, I will point out that during the day only one sergeant and two men are on duty in the city. During half of this time they attend the police court and serve summons, etc., thus allowing them an insufficient amount of time to see that the city by-laws are properly carried out and to prevent crime.

Also, in order to suppress gambling in Chinatown and enforce the laws in this respect, it takes at least three men in three reliefs of eight hours each, to constantly watch and properly attend to their duties in this part of the city. Very often I have to take men from the most important beats in the city, viz., Douglas, Government and Store streets, for this work. Victoria West, James Bay and Oak Bay Junction should have regular men. For the reasons I have mentioned, would ask that six new men be appointed. Should any sudden emergency arise, where the services of more than 10 regular patrolmen would be required, three officers from Chinatown could be easily procured, being close to headquarters.

I would also recommend the installation of 10 box telephones in the business portion of the city, connection being made direct with the police station, by means of private wires. By the use of these telephones, the officers can report at headquarters from their regular beats, and could call the patrol wagon, or communicate quickly to headquarters should anything urgent or unusual, requiring instant attention, happen on their beats.

This system can be put in for the sum of \$200. In my opinion, this system is quite necessary, for by its use it will be in close touch with the men, and at the same time, know they are performing their duties.

In connection with the routine work in my office at headquarters, the past six months has been very busy. I often find it impossible to be outside personally supervising police work, and finding out the situation as regards police requirements. This should not be the case, as it is really necessary that my time should be more diligently employed and in purely ordinary routine work, which I may suggest, could be done by the clerk of the police court, when he is not engaged in his duties as clerk during the trial of cases, and when he is not getting out evidence. I also think that a salary of \$75 per month be allowed him for such work.

Trusting that my suggestions will meet with your approval and that immediate action will be taken.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.

Mayor Morley thought the recommendations were so important that they should receive some consideration. He suggested that copies be struck off and the questions left in abeyance for the present.

Asked for an explanation, Chief Langley pointed out that, not only would the telephone system serve the purposes mentioned, but it would allow him to keep a check upon men on the different beats. He added that the same scheme had been adopted in Vancouver, but at a much greater expenditure than proposed here.

Mr. Morley thought, in view of the comparatively small outlay, the suggestions would be worth while considering.

An informal discussion followed, afterwards it was decided upon motion that W. H. Keating should be granted an increase of salary in order to perform any additional clerical duties required by the chief.

OPERATORS AND MINERS HOPEFUL

EMPLOYERS READY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

Men are Anxious to Have Annual Agreement and May Not Press All Demands.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 15.—The propositions to be presented to the mine operators by the union representatives today have not been made public, but more or less accurate reports of their nature have leaked out.

It has been learned from various sources that among the proposals to be submitted are an eight hour day without any reduction in wages for all employees paid by the hour, day or week; a uniform wage scale in the three anthracite districts for the different classes of employees; adequate compensation for "dead work" performed by contract miners; reconstruction of the board of conciliation; an increase in wages of from 10 to 20 per cent. for all companies men; the adoption of a system by which coal shall be paid for by weight wherever practicable and the recognition of the union.

The union mine workers in the anthracite regions have never been entirely satisfied with the award of the arbitration commission. The men gained considerable through the award, but they feel that they did not receive all they are justly entitled to.

The principal awards stated were: Ten per cent. increase in wages for all contract miners; eight hour day without any reduction in pay for engineers employed in hoisting water; five per cent. increase in wages for engineers and pumpmen other than those engaged in hoisting water; eight hours a day for miners without reduction in wages; nine hours a day for all employees hired by the hour, day or week, except those mentioned above; a conciliation board of six, three representing the miners and three representing the operators to settle disputes growing out of different interpretations of the commissions award; a sliding scale giving all employees an increase of one per cent. in a compensation for increase of five cents in the average price of coal sold in New York harbor above \$4.50 a ton f. o. b.

Before they went in conference to the operators and the representatives of the men were hopeful of an amicable agreement. The experience of both sides in the great strike of 1902 has caused them to approach the present situation in a conciliatory mood. In that contest the mine workers, according to estimates made by the strike commission, lost in wages about \$2,000,000 and the coal production fell off \$4,000,000 tons. The receipts of the coal companies in that year were about \$48,100,000 and those of the railroads about \$28,000,000 making a total loss in 1902 of \$12,000,000. In order to avoid another contest, and not disturb the industry the operators are ready to make concessions in the way of the correction of grievances—that have arisen during the life of the commission's award. This is indicated in the letter of President David Wilcox of the D. & H. Co. to Mr. Mitchell.

The attitude of the miners' union officials during the past week leads to the belief among those who have studied the situation that the men are so anxious to have an annual agreement with the operators, that they will not insist upon all their demands being granted.

While the union officials are silent upon the subject it is understood that if the operators are reasonably liberal from the miners' point of view and an agreement is in sight, the union will push the organization to the front and press for its recognition.

The operators are in a unit against recognizing the miners' association as at present constituted. They have steadily refused to treat with Mr. Mitchell as a representative of the organization. When he appeared before the strike commission he was there as a representative of the anthracite coal mine workers and not in his official character as president of the union. The arbitrators declined to make an award in the matter of the recognition of the union because the organization was not officially before them and also because the question of recognition of the union was not within the scope of its jurisdiction. The commission, however, was of the belief that the suggestion of a working agreement between employers and employees embodying the doctrine of collective bargaining contained many hopeful elements for the adjustment of relations in the mining regions.

GIVEN UP AS LOST.
British Barque Drummerg Is One Hundred Days Overdue—Carried Crew of Twenty Men.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The British barque, Drummerg, which sailed from Portland on November 22nd last for Manila, and is now 100 days overdue at this port, has been given up as lost.

She carried a crew of 29 men and was commanded by Capt. Neil McCallum, whose wife accompanied him on the voyage.

HOP POOL.
Oregon Growers Will Send Three Thousand Bales to London.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—Hop growers of Oregon at a meeting here yesterday formed a shipping pool and will consign 3,000 bales to the London market, together with 2,500 bales that will be shipped by California growers.

ROJESTVENSKY AGAIN.

Says Men Who Fought Russia's Battles on Sea Were Not Thieves.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—"Perhaps I am guilty to some extent for our defeat, and perhaps my subordinates did not do all they might have done, but at all events we who have fought the battles were not thieves," said Admiral Rojestvensky, who addressed the Imperial Technical Society yesterday.

The admiral made no specifications regarding exactly in the construction or equipment of the ships, but he commented at length upon the destructive effect of the heavy Japanese shells, which, when they only exploded in the water near the Russian vessels, cracked their plates and opened great leaks, while those which hit the Russian ships squarely were as disastrous as mines.

A young lieutenant during the discussion attempted to lay blame on sight marine boats, but the admiral denied that sub-marine boats or mines were used during the engagement.

BRITISH GUNBOATS SENT TO CANTON

PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANY EMERGENCY

Report That Hunan Braves are Drilling in Order to Participate in Anti-Dynastic Uprising.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The officers of the Doric bring news of the dispatch of two British gunboats to Canton just before their departure from the Orient. The vessels were gunboats Moorehen and Sandpiper, which were lying at Samahul and steamed up to Canton under secret orders.

Just before the Doric left Shanghai it was reported that there had been an uprising in the Sunning district near Canton, and that the magistrate and many people had been killed. It was stated that rebels had gathered in force and were marching on Sunning city. The inhabitants of the district were fleeing to Macow. In Canton the boycott is most rigid.

Messages from San Francisco-Chinese merchants urging a continuance of the boycott are pasted on the walls there.

In addition to the anti-foreign feeling in Canton there is an anti-dynastic movement.

The officers of the Doric learned that in Canton Hunan Braves were being drilled with a view of taking part in an uprising against the present dynasty.

Predicts Uprising.
San Francisco, Feb. 15.—C. E. Young, an eye-witness of the recent riot in Shanghai, arrived here yesterday from the Orient on the steamer Doric. He tells of the intense anti-foreign sentiment that exists among the Chinese, and predicts that an uprising will take place within the next few months. He says that 200 Chinese were killed in the riot in Shanghai, and that only the presence of the foreign gunboats at Shanghai prevented the wholesale slaughter of Americans and Englishmen.

Young represents a local firm, but because of the boycott he was unable to transact any business with the Chinese merchants. Mr. Young says: "The riots in Shanghai had its inception because of the action of the British consular court. I was in Shanghai on December 18th, the day of the outbreak, and remained there for the few days following, during which all foreigners were compelled to carry rifles in order to protect themselves from harm. It seems that a Chinese woman, accused of trafficking in slave girls, was hauled before the consular court. She was found guilty and sent to jail. The Chinese protested, and immediately a riot was started. Riots ran from street to street searching for foreigners. Revolvers and rifles were used by the Americans and the Chinese answered with volleys of stones. Many were hurt by the flying missiles, but I heard of no fatalities among the Americans or English. An English woman was attacked and dragged by the hair. She was rescued by a party of her countrymen.

"I know of an instance where a party of foreigners were driven to bay by the mob and were compelled to kill six of their assailants before they put them to flight.

"The Chinese government officials, of course, were powerless to put an end to the uprising, as it was only the warships that brought the affair to a speedy termination.

"That there will be trouble in China is almost a certainty. The hatred of foreigners in China, and all the popular feeling is a leader to bring about a repetition of the Boxer uprising. The foreigner who visits Canton at present does so at the risk of his life.

"The trade conditions in China are at present frightful. The boycott is as rigid as ever. Not one Chinese merchant would look at my goods. It is absolutely useless to endeavor to sell American manufactured goods to the Chinese. In the interior it is worse than in the larger cities."

RULES OF HOUSE TO BE REVISED

IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PUBLIC BUSINESS

Committee to Consider Matter Will be Appointed During First Week of Session.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—It is officially stated that during the first week of the session a committee will be appointed to revise the rules of the House of Commons. The committee will be selected from both sides. An arrangement was reached between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and H. L. Borden last session that the rules should be made more workable with a view to expediting public business.

Indications of Miners.
A surveyor who has been at work on the franciscan reports that there are indications of silver, gold, copper, iron, etc., in the Spirit Lake region in the District of Lake Abitibi. He also thinks that there are diamonds to be found there. Standard Oil people have a silver proposition near Abitibi.

Exchange of Officers.
Arrangements have been made for exchanging two officers, one with Australia and one with India, by Canada. Jewel Robbery.
Last Monday afternoon Mrs. James W. Woods, daughter of Senator Edwards, was robbed of about \$4,000 worth of jewelry consisting of diamond rings, bracelets and a valuable necklace, containing miniatures of her four children. The jewelry was taken from her bedroom and so far there is no clue to the robbers.

STEARER ASHORE.

Tugs Have Been Sent to the Assistance of the Leyland Steamer.

(Associated Press.)
Sittuate, Mass., Feb. 15.—The Leyland steamer Devonian is ashore on the southerly end of Third Cliff. The weather is thick and a brisk northerly wind is blowing.

At 10.30 the receding tide showed the Devonian in a nest of rocks less than 500 feet from shore. A life-saving wreck, which boarded her early to-day, have returned and report that the steamer has apparently suffered little damage and that her captain will wait the arrival of tugs before making any attempt to move towards landing those on board. The steamer has a crew of 82 men.

The place where the Devonian struck is said by the residents of Sittuate to be four or five miles off the usual course of incoming tides. It is about ten miles southwest of Minota light in a locality abounding in dangerous ledges.

Tugs Dispatched.
Boston, Mass., Feb. 15.—As soon as word was received that the Devonian had struck on the rock at Sittuate, three ocean-going tugs were started from this city to the relief. The sea was high, but it is expected that the tugs would be able to make Sittuate by noon or shortly afterwards.

At the Leyland line freight office it was learned that the Devonian carried about 2,000 tons of general cargo, consisting principally of machinery, Egyptian cotton and yarn.

The passengers on the Devonian are J. W. B. Page, wife and daughter and W. C. Gillibrand. Their residences are not known at the local office of the line. The Devonian registers 6,823 tons net. She was built at Belfast, Ireland, in 1900, and her home port is Liverpool.

AMATEUR BOXERS

Tournament Will Be Held in San Francisco on April 4th and 5th.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The American amateur boxing contests will be held in the Mechanics' Pavilion on April 4th and 5th, under the auspices of the Olympic Club. Boxers will come from New York, Boston and St. Louis and other Eastern cities, and the athletic clubs of California will send their best men to compete. The Olympic Club has nearly a score of boxers doing light training for the tournament. Entries for the bouts will close two nights before the tournament, and not a man will be permitted to appear unless the club's physician has found him to be physically sound.

WILL PLAY HERE.

Portland Basketball Players Will Meet Fifth Regiment Teams.

(Special to the Times.)
Seattle, Feb. 15.—Y. M. C. A. Tigers' basketball team of Portland will make a trip into Washington and British Columbia, commencing on Monday. They will play the Sixth Regiment at Westminster on Thursday night, the Fifth Regiment team at Victoria on Friday night, and two games at Vancouver on Saturday night.

FIRE FIGHTER'S DEATH.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Feb. 15.—While responding to an alarm early to-day Chief Wm. T. Cheswell, of the Boston fire department, was stricken with heart trouble and died while being taken to hospital.

Chief Cheswell had been connected with the department since 1862 and was one of the best known fire fighters in the country. He was 62 years old.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

(Associated Press.)

Lakeview, N. J., Feb. 15.—Little change in the condition of John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company, was reported by his physicians to-day.

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HAVE AGREED UPON THEIR PROGRAMME

FISCAL REFORM FIRST! WORK OF UNIONISTS

Correspondence Between Ex-Premier and Mr. Chamberlain—Hopes to Remove all Differences.

London, Feb. 15.—Former Premier Balfour finally has crossed the bridge which Joseph Chamberlain held out for him, and in correspondence published late last night he takes his position practically on Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform programme. The fact is heralded in the Liberal newspapers this morning as "Balfour's Surrender," "Chamberlain's Victory," etc., while the Daily Graphic speaking on behalf of the Unionist free traders deplores Mr. Balfour's "Journey to Canossa" as the price of his retention of the leadership of his party. The Chamberlainite journals express

Complete Satisfaction and attach no importance, whatever to the Balfourian limitations which the former premier places upon his acceptance of the proposed duty on corn and a tax on manufactures.

The Standard says that the agreement between the two foremost statesmen in the party is absolute and all embracing.

Mr. Balfour's surrender though delayed till the eve of the Lansdowne House meeting quite evidently was arranged at the famous dinner conference with Mr. Chamberlain and enabled the latter to publish his recent repudiation of desire for the leadership which suddenly "stilled the newspapers" attacks on Mr. Balfour. This is unusual if not unprecedented. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain are still in negotiation with regard to reorganization of the party machinery. Mr. Balfour's conversation to Mr. Chamberlain is likely to be unpalatable to a large section of the Unionist party and the Lansdowne House meeting which the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Hugh Cecil and other free traders will attend, is likely to be the arena of some plain speaking on the subject.

The interesting correspondence between A. J. Balfour and Joseph Chamberlain is dated yesterday and was published on the eve of the Unionist party meeting at Lansdowne House. It disposes effectively

of the report that serious difficulties exist between the factions of that party. Mr. Balfour's letter follows: "My Dear Mr. Chamberlain: The controversy aroused over the fiscal question has produced hot unnatural feelings, the impression that the practical differences of fiscal reforms are much deeper than in fact is the case. The exchange of views which has constantly taken place between us leads me to hope that this misconception may be removed and with it the friction which has proved so injurious to the party. My own opinion, which I believe is shared by the great majority of the Unionist party, may be briefly summarized as follows:

"Fiscal reform is and must remain the first constructive work of the Unionist party. The objects of such reform are to secure more equal terms of competition for British goods and closer commercial union with the colonies. While at present it is not necessary to describe

The Exact Method whereby these objects may be attained, it is inexpedient to permit of differences of opinion regarding these

methods to divide the party. Though other means may be possible the establishment of a moderate general tariff on manufactured goods not imposed for the purpose of raising prices or giving artificial protection against legitimate competition and the imposition of a small duty on foreign corn, are not in principle objectionable and they should be adopted if it can be shown to be necessary for the attainment of the ends in view or for the purposes of revenue."

To this letter Mr. Chamberlain replied as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Balfour: I cordially welcome your letter of to-day in which you have summarized the conclusions we reached during our recent discussions. I entirely agree with your description of the objects we both have in view and gladly accept the policy you indicate as wise and desirable for the Unionist party to adopt in endeavoring to give effect to this policy and in defining all the Unionist principles. Any services I can render will be entirely at your disposal."

PREDICTS TROUBLE

Former Minister Says Rising in China Will Be Directed Against Reigning Dynasty

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—Edwin H. Conger, for many years United States minister to China and who is staying at Pasadena for the winter, is quoted in an interview on the present anti-foreign attitude in China as follows: "The United States should warn China against a repetition of the terrible riots of a few years ago. A show of warships should be made to impress upon the government of China that the trouble must not be repeated and will not be tolerated."

"I am satisfied that serious trouble will come, but do not expect that it will be directed specially against the United States, but will be against the reigning dynasty."

"The Manchurians are insignificant in number and the present uprising is for the purpose of establishing a new dynasty and not to oust foreigners."

"The most violent disturbances will be in the southern province and will hurt foreign interests. Americans within the zone of rebellion are likely to be hurt before they can get out, and that is why the United States should let China know that it will not tolerate for an instant anything inimical towards its citizens."

"If the Chinese can be impressed that we are on the alert and that we mean business, our interests will be secure. If China is permitted to think that it can ignore our interests, something terrible will happen."

"The trouble now will be a great struggle within the empire. I believe that the boycott on American goods is now beginning to operate against the Chinese themselves. Chinese merchants long before this boycott was instituted filed their establishments with goods from the United States. When the boycott was declared they could not, of course, sell their goods. We learned a lesson in 1900, and China learned one too. Our experience, however, should compel us to take every precaution."

IMMIGRATION ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting at Winnipeg—Work to Be Continued for Two Years.

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—By the unanimous wish of members of the Western Canadian Immigration Association, composed as it is of representative business men of the country, it was decided at the annual meeting to-day to continue the work for two years more at least and to raise a fund of \$60,000. Nearly everyone present spoke favorably of what had been accomplished, and substantial donations towards the fund were freely offered. Mr. George Horn, of the C. P. R. literary department, who was present, offered valuable suggestions for prosecuting the work in the Eastern States by means of excursions from there.

At the luncheon which concluded the proceedings the speakers all took a sanguine view of the future. One gentleman commented on the C. P. R. cordially on the policy it had pursued in developing the country as being the one great factor which has made progress possible. The company's land

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"Fruit-a-tives" cost you a box—and are worth ten to any woman who values her complexion. If your druggist has none, we will send them on receipt of price—3c. a box or 6 boxes for 15c.

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policy had been particularly conducive to settlement in the liberality of its terms.

Mr. Langran, president of the Calgary board of trade, told in glowing terms of the growth of Alberta. His city had nearly doubled in population in three years, having now 13,000 residents. He predicted that within 20 years the population of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta would be 35,000,000. All delegates present from western towns told the same tale of remarkable development.

Officers elected were: President, D. W. Bebo, M. P., Winnipeg; vice-presidents, W. Georgeon, Winnipeg; senior vice-president, G. F. Carruthers, Winnipeg; secretary, Theodore M. Knappen; executive, F. B. Lynch (chairman), St. Paul; A. D. McElate, W. J. Christie, William Pearson, A. L. Johnson, F. M. March and J. Haslam, Winnipeg, and the vice-presidents: The district vice-presidents are: A. O. Robertson, St. Paul; C. W. Rowley, Calgary; A. E. Donk, Prince Albert; J. A. Campbell, Dauphin; F. T. Fisher, Edmonton; G. H. Shaw, Winnipeg; F. T. Griffith, Winnipeg (C. P. R. land department); H. C. Beattie, Saskatoon; W. Trant, Regina; Hugh McKellar, Moosejaw.

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ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT.

Delegates to Algiers Conference Have Not Discussed Main Points of Programme.

Algiers, Feb. 14.—Delegates to the Moroccan conference at their session to-day examined at length the proposed reforms in the customs of Morocco, and the plans for the suppression of the contraband traffic in arms and adjourned until Sunday. No word was spoken during the session concerning the main feature of the Franco-German controversy.

MAY INSTITUTE ACTION.

New York, Feb. 14.—Recommendations that legal proceedings be instituted to recover contributions made by the New York Life Insurance Company were submitted to the trustees of the company to-day by the special investigation committee headed by Thomas P. Fowler. It is recommended that the money be recovered from such officials and trustees as counsel shall decide are liable therefor.

VALENCIA WRECK INVESTIGATION

STERLING HEROISM OF RESCUE PARTIES

Mrs. Patterson Highly Commended For Devotion to Duty—Story of Eye-Witnesses.

When the commission inquiring into the Valencia wreck reassembled after lunch yesterday afternoon J. W. Lorimer was put on the witness stand to clear up a point in his evidence. He explained that he understood Capt. Christensen to say that there was something in the rigging, but he could not say whether it was life or otherwise.

P. Goodenrath put in a picture of the scene of the wreck taken by him on the morning of Thursday after the wreck. He was asked if the men-of-war men made any effort to land or reach the wreck, and replied in the affirmative. Their boat went within thirty or fifty yards of the wreck, and returned with the report that there was no life apparent on the wreck. The crew made another attempt to land at a point where some people were seen on shore. The bluejackets reported that the people on shore made no sign of distress. Their boat might possibly have gone in, but it could never get out again. The Topeka offered to supply a barrel of provisions if the Egeria men would take it on shore, and when the Topeka boat rowed up to the Lorne it was suggested that they should put the barrel in the surf as far in as possible, and let it drift ashore. The Egeria men were quite anxious to assist in the work, but the Topeka crew did it.

Hinkson-Siddall deposed that he was on board the Caesar on the day of the wreck, and the weather was very rough. He had hoped that the Caesar could be of some assistance, but the weather was too bad, and they could do nothing in the way of rescue work. He believed they approached within half or three-quarters of a mile from the wreck. The captain of the Caesar communicated with both the Queen and Salvor twice. He understood that Capt. Christensen had said that there were some signals from the wreck, but he could not say what they were. At Banfield, Capt. Christensen told Capt. Troup that he did not believe there was any life on the wreck. From a conversation he heard between Capt. Troup and Capt. Campbell, the latter appeared to be positive that there was life on the wreck. Capt. Troup said he would write a letter to the Eschscholtz people to give the Orion sent out. This idea was that the Queen was to stand by the wreck. The captain of the Queen seemed to want the Caesar to do things which he would not do himself.

Capt. Ferris was next examined and said that on the 23rd of last month he was chief officer of the Salvor. On that date he proceeded to the wreck, encountering the Queen. They went to Carmanah, and were there signalled from the Caesar as to the location of the wreck. The weather was very heavy at the time, and when they saw that they were too late to be of service they went on to Banfield. Capt. Christensen said he saw something floating from the wreck, but he could not say that there was any life on board. Capt. Campbell, however, thought it possible that there might be some persons on the wreck, and the Orion was asked to land a party of rescuers, which was done.

Next morning at daylight a rescue party was formed for the relief of those on the beach. The trail was in very bad shape, but they followed the telegraph line. At places they had even to leave this trail and struggle across the streams on logs or anything they could find. The party had some very hard work and were badly exhausted.

"How near did you get to the wreck?" asked Capt. Gaudin.

Witness estimated that the Salvor got within two or three miles of the wreck. By means of glasses he could see the mark of the wrecked vessel clearly, but was no sign of life.

Witness said that without exception they worked gallantly; everyone of them did great work, but particularly he mentioned Mrs. Patterson, Cape Beale. Although in a critical condition this lady stopped up day and night during the trouble. Witness described the trail as in a wretched condition, practically undefined, and the work of getting over it to be hard that every member of the party was overcome. The linemen and others did noble service throughout and shared their last bit with the survivors. No men could work harder than they did.

C. H. Lugin suggested that the conduct of Mrs. Patterson was worthy of the strongest commendation, and said that he intended to mention the matter in his report to the department at Ottawa.

Capt. Gaudin—And the commissioners will be too happy to back you up. The enquiry adjourned to Friday at 10 o'clock.

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Ex-Mayor Urquhart Nominated by North Toronto Liberals—Conservatives Select W. N. McNaught.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Ex-Mayor Urquhart was to-night unanimously nominated as Liberal candidate for North Toronto in the Ontario legislature. Eighteen others were nominated, but all withdrew in favor of Mr. Urquhart. The Conservative convention to-night selected W. N. McNaught, president of the Toronto exhibition, as their candidate.

Killing Wolves.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Wolves are plentiful in the Rainy River district, and within two days fourteen were killed at Sahachushing Bay, Lake of the Woods, by Ernest Appleton of Kenora, who received \$210 from the provincial treasury.

May Practice Law.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 14.—The legislature yesterday passed a bill permitting women to practice law in New Brunswick.

Office Boy to President.

Beltville, Feb. 14.—F. J. Rosely, formerly of this city, now of New York, has been appointed president of the Royal Baking Powder Company at a salary of \$20,000 a year. He joined the company in 1880 as an office boy, and has worked his way up to his new position.

Resignation.

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Brandon experimental farm and one of the best known agriculturists in Western Canada, has resigned, to engage in private business.

School Expenses.

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—The school board will borrow two hundred thousand to meet current expenses.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 7th to 12th February, 1906.

The weather during this week has been remarkably fine, and, in fact, since the beginning of the month no rain has fallen in this vicinity and on the Mainland. No high winds have occurred except during the night of the 13th an easterly gale set in along the Coast from Vancouver Island to Oregon. On the Lower Mainland frost was reported during the early morning hours upon every day of the week, and nearly as many days on Vancouver Island. In this immediate vicinity the season has been abnormally mild and vegetation greatly advanced. This fine spell has been due to the barometer remaining almost constantly high over the northern portion of the province, while on the coast of California and extending eastward the barometer has been low and rain has fallen upon several days. These conditions have caused a prevalence of dry northerly winds throughout the province and southward to Oregon. Frosts have occurred at Port Simpson upon six days and in the Athabasca and Yukon districts steady cold weather prevailed. The temperatures have been moderate in Kootenay, and with the exception of the 13th the same in Cariboo. In the Prairie provinces the temperature was mostly below zero. The lowest temperature reported was 4° below zero at Prince Albert on the 12th.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded, was 36 hours and 20 minutes; no rain or snow; highest temperature, 61.3 on 9th; lowest, 31 on 12th.

Vancouver—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 45 on 9th, 11th and 12th; lowest, 25 on 12th.

New Westminster—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 59 on 12th; lowest, 29 on 12th.

Kamloops—A trace of snow; highest temperature, 38 on 11th; lowest, 16 on 12th.

Barkerville—Snow, one inch; highest temperature, 30 on 7th; lowest, 2 below on 12th.

Port Simpson—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 44 on 9th; lowest, 36 on 12th and 13th.

Atlin—No snow; highest temperature, 5 on 9th; lowest, 26 below on 11th and 12th.

Dawson—Snow, 30 inch; highest temperature, 2 below on 9th and 12th; lowest, 26 below on 12th.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR M'BRIDE GOVERNMENT

Opposition Carry an Amendment to the Railway Bill in Sp'te of Ministers.

Victoria, Feb. 14th, 1906.

Today the government was again defeated in committee on a railway bill which Stuart Henderson sought to amend, and which was stubbornly fought by the members of the government. An appeal to the committee resulted in a vote of 17 to 15, with T. W. Paterson on the opposition side not voting, being chairman of the committee. Arch. McDonald and John Houston both voted with the opposition on this particular bill. The frequent defeat of the government in committee shows that the ministry has no very strong grip upon its followers, and that the confidence reposed in the members of the administration is not of the strongest character. Since the opening of the present session the House has shown itself ready to endorse the stand taken by the opposition in preference to that of the government members. Party ties alone prolongs the life of Premier McBride's administration, and not faith on the part of the Conservative members of the House in their ability to handle the affairs of the country. The data was largely devoted to railway bills, most of those on the order paper being advanced a stage.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

Petitions.

A petition was presented by W. Davidson and another by Geo. A. Fraser urging that the bill for an eight-hour day in smelters should be passed.

W. Manson presented two petitions from Vancouver, one from the Vancouver Gas Company against the proposed amendment to the Vancouver City Act, relative to compelling information to be given to residents of Vancouver with reference to the foreshore act in Vancouver.

The petitions, together with the one presented by J. N. Evans the day previous, urging that the bill for an eight-hour day in smelters, were received.

New Bill.

Price Ellison introduced a bill for the extermination of wild horses.

Out of Order.

John Oliver moved the following resolution: That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all orders in council passed since the 30th of June, 1905.

The speaker ruled this out of order. Mr. Oliver said he would not take up the time of the House in discussing the question. He would withdraw the motion and ask leave to present an address to the lieutenant-governor, praying for the information.

Return.

J. N. Evans moved the following resolution: That an order of the House be granted for a return of the report made by C. J. South respecting the slave trade in girls at Cape Mudge and other districts.

Questions and Answers.

Mr. Oliver asked the chief commissioner of lands and works the following question: Does the government consider that the letter received from Mr. F. G. Vernon, president of the Pacific Northern and Omicene Railway Company, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Wm. G. Pinder, C. E. and F. L. E. stating that, acting under instructions from Mr. Vernon, he had relocated the line for three-quarters of a mile and cross-sectioned the same, and that he had three-quarters of a mile of the right-of-way cleared for a width of 100 feet, and that a gang of men were engaged grading and building culverts, is sufficient proof that the company has complied with sub-section (m) of section 2, chap. 55, 1902?

R. F. Green replied as follows: "The government has not as yet considered the matter."

Mr. Oliver asked the premier the following question: Is it the intention of the government that the hon. the attorney-general shall again visit England for the purpose of arguing the appeal in the case of the attorney-general of British Columbia vs. the attorney-general of the Dominion (Deadman's Island appeal)?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "The matter has not yet been considered by the government."

Mr. Oliver asked the premier the following question: Did the premier or the finance minister make any statement when at Montreal, or any other place, to any person or persons in any way affecting the question as to whether the Midway and Vernon Railway Company were or were not entitled to a subsidy under the terms of the "Midway and Vernon Subsidy Act, 1902"?

"If so, what was the statement of statements made, and by whom, and what person?"

"For what reason were such statement or statements made?"

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "I and 2. While in Montreal the finance minister stated in reply to an inquiry by the general manager of the Bank of Montreal that the government had informed the holders of the Midway and Vernon railway charter that the government was not prepared to admit the liability of the province under the Midway and Vernon Subsidy Act until a reference had been made to the courts."

"In reply to an inquiry on the subject."

"In addition to the replies to the question the premier said that he had had from time to time rather lengthy conversations with those interested in the Midway and Vernon railway during the past two years."

Mr. Oliver asked the minister of finance the following question: "What are the details of expenditure of \$916.15, under the head of transport, set opposite the name of J. P. Babcock, as per public accounts, page B31."

Hon. Mr. G. Tattow replied as follows: "June 6th to 20th, 1904—Expenses accompanying Hon. F. J. Fulton to Ottawa in re fisheries: Return fares, sleeper, etc., \$192; living expenses, etc., \$149; expressage, typewriting, telegrams, etc., \$11.50—\$354.50. "July 27th to August 10th, 1904—Trip inspecting Seton Lake hatchery: Fares on rail and stage, \$28.55; living expenses, \$32—\$60.55. "August 14th to 17th, 1904—Meeting Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, Dominion minister of marine and fisheries, at Field: Return fare, Victoria to Field, \$16.75; living expenses and baggage, \$25.50—\$42.25. "September 19th to October 15th, 1904—Trip inspecting construction of fishway at Queneau Lake dam and Fraser river spawning grounds: Fares on rail and stage, \$31.60; living expenses and telegrams, \$18.80—\$50.40. "May 21st to 21st, 1905—Trip inspecting Queneau Lake dam: Fares on rail and stage, \$28.80; living expenses and telegrams, \$42.25—\$71.05. "June 29th to July 10th, 1905—Trip inspecting Queneau Lake dam: Fares on rail and stage, \$31.25; living expenses, \$48—\$79.25. Total—\$916.15."

THE BILL TO INCORPORATE THE B. C. NORTHERN AND ALASKA RAILWAY COMPANY PASSED ITS THIRD READING.

The bill to incorporate the B. C. Northern and Alaska Railway Company passed its third reading.

The bill relating to the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia was again considered in committee.

The bill to incorporate the Southern and Okanagan Railway Company was again considered in committee.

The bill to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company, the bill to incorporate the Canadian Plate Glass Insurance Company, the bill to revive, ratify and confirm the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company and the bill to incorporate the Southeast Kootenay Railway Company.

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THE BILL TO INCORPORATE THE B. C. NORTHERN AND ALASKA RAILWAY COMPANY PASSED ITS THIRD READING.

The bill to incorporate the B. C. Northern and Alaska Railway Company passed its third reading.

The bill relating to the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia was again considered in committee.

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KAIEN ISLAND LIBERALS.

The Times is not at all mystified over the fact that there was apparently no "graft" in the Kaien Island deal. It is quite apparent that there was "graft" in connection with the notorious transaction. We venture to say there is not the slightest doubt of that fact in the minds of any intelligent persons who have read authentic, not garbled or judiciously edited, reports of the evidence given before the committee of the legislature. First, it is very clear that the "graft" was not quite so rich as was anticipated. The amended statement made by Mr. Edgewell with respect to the visit of Mr. Anderson to Montreal makes that fact obvious. If the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—that gentleman with the frank and open manner and with candor portrayed in his features and revealed in his statements, according to the eulogist of the Colonist—could but be compelled to unlock the rich storehouse of his memory and to lay bare some of the things, his oath of office compels him with reluctance to hold back, the public might gain some information that would open its eyes respecting the methods of politicians. What about those mysterious visits to Seattle and Portland, and even away East as far as Montreal, on which occasions railway magnates were met quite by accident, and conferred with, on matters of no public concern, of course?

And what about the Liberals, who, it is claimed, were partners with the government in this extraordinary Kaien Island transaction? Have they not all been strong and unwavering supporters of Messrs. McBride and Green ever since the day of that masterly coup by which the first Conservative government of British Columbia was formed?

The challenge of the Colonist that "they were all Liberals who dealt with the government" seems to call for some particular attention. The political predilections and affiliations of Mr. Bodwell and his relations with the present provincial administration need not be inquired into further at this time. They are well known to all who have given any attention to public affairs. But two other people whose personalities possess any interest to the people of British Columbia have appeared in the deal at all. Of some of the ministers those persons are known to have been, and doubtless still are, personal friends. We have the admission of the Chief Commissioner, made before the committee of the House, that the details of the Kaien Island transaction may have been discussed or considered in the residence of Mr. Anderson. That confession, it is freely admitted, does not necessarily imply that there was any illegitimate pressure brought to bear upon the minister to secure personal advantages at the expense of the public, but it does seem to indicate that the personal element was a more important factor in the extraordinary procedure for the conveyance of the Kaien Island land grant to the syndicate or the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway than political "pull."

We say that from whatever aspect this extraordinary transaction can be presented by the government and its friends, it cannot but be condemned by all persons interested in the maintenance, not only of that which is honest and honorable, but of that which is seemly and of good report, in our public affairs. If the legislature of British Columbia can permit such things without expressing its condemnation, then of course the matter must be laid before a tribunal of larger jurisdiction than the legislature. If the people can be persuaded to shut their eyes to facts that are obvious to all who care to look, then we shall have grave fears for the political future of British Columbia.

THIS FAVORED ISLE.

The winter has been severe in the north and unprecedentedly cold in the south. Away down in Mexico, where they grow bananas and palms and all kinds of tropical fruits and flowers to perfection, the winter has been the coldest experienced for seventy years, we are told. A copy of the Mexican Herald, published in the City of Mexico, records the fact that twelve persons died of cold in the streets on one night. The thermometer in the usually sunny south has not fallen into the habit of dropping down in the neighborhood of zero without warning as it does in many parts of the Eastern United States and of Canada, so that the unfortunates were not actually frozen to death. They had been indulging not wisely but to excess, with the result that exposure followed by pulmonary congestion carried them off suddenly. The experience of the unfortunates emphasizes the fact that there is but one region on this continent in which there is a reasonable guarantee against weather extremes. The Pacific Coast is a highly favored geographical point, Vancouver Island is the gem of the Pacific, and the southern portion of Vancouver Island, particularly that portion included within the zone of Victoria and environs, is the Paradise which calls to all sorts and conditions of men. People in search of really desirable places of residence are just beginning to find that out.

Mr. J. J. Hill has for a few years been a conspicuous figure in the railway world. Mr. Hill is as big in his ideas as he has been distinguished in his methods of applying them in his business. He takes such a unique view of competition that his ideas are worthy of wide publication. He says he will welcome other lines within the territory of the Great Northern, because "for one ton of freight he may lose five tons of short haulage through the development of business in local centres." The short haul traffic—while in bulk a secondary consideration on the long lines—is a heavy producer of revenue, because it pays better rates per mile. He feels that his road can take the lowest grade traffic out of the new countries at a profit, and will get its share of traffic into all centres, new and old, no matter what may be done.

It has not yet been explained why the McBride government could not have gone directly and openly to the representatives of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and negotiated for the transfer of a tonnage for terminal purposes. The frankness of the Chief Commissioner, which has so wonderfully excited the admiration of his friends, might be exercised to advantage in this matter. It must be admitted that the excuses put forward for the dealings with the favored syndicate are far from satisfactory. A moment of real frankness with respect to this matter would be far more convincing than hours of reasoning designed to excuse the course of the administration. The plea that the movement was due to a desire to head off and throw from the track prying speculators will hardly do.

We hope the member for Fernie will not feel that a reflection has been cast upon his capacity by the appointment of the Deputy Attorney-General as advisor to the Kaien Island Legislative Committee. Mr. Ross has done his best to bring out points in proof of the fact that the land deal was conceived and carried out in the best interests of British Columbia, but if he has failed in convincing the majority of the committee—providing the majority of the committee is open to conviction—it may not be because of lack of ability, but by reason of the weakness, if not the hopelessness, of the cause he advocates.

And to think that John Houston, M. P., was not considered a fit and proper person to sit in the council which advises His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor regarding measures affecting the welfare of British Columbia!

PROPOSAL TO REWARD DEEDS OF HEROISM

Commission Will be Requested to Ascertain Those Particularly Courageous Among Survivors.

It is the intention of Mayor Morley to request members of the royal commission appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the circumstances of the Valencia disaster to make every effort to ascertain those among the survivors entitled to consideration for acts of conspicuous heroism. This action is contemplated in compliance with instructions received from those in control of the Carnegie hero fund. They wish to find out those who acquitted themselves with bravery to come within the conditions under which the fund set aside by the philanthropic millionaire mentioned is dispensed.

Several recommendations have already been decided upon. In the first instance the Greek, who pluckily tried to swim ashore with a line, will be given a place among the honored ones. C. H. Luzzini, counsel for the Dominion government in connection with the commission now in progress, intends suggesting the name of Mrs. Patterson, of Cape Beale lighthouse, who did conspicuous service in the dispatch of telegrams from the scene of the wreck to the outside world, cheerfully answering to the click of the telegraph instrument or the "hum" of the telephone at any time of the day or night. Then Mayor Morley proposes taking steps to have officially recognized the deeds of George H. Jesse, the Victorian, whose efforts to contribute something to the comfort of the women and children as they watched the stranded vessel break apart to pieces and death draw nearer, which have been recounted by many of the survivors. The Mayor intends outlining to those controlling the fund in question the peculiarly sad circumstances of his loss, and is confident that something will be done in order that the bereaved relatives may have some tangible evidence of the universal appreciation of the marked bravery Mr. Jesse displayed. Yesterday in conversation with Mayor Morley a Times representative was informed that the resolutions drafted at a mass meeting held here during the week of the disaster had elicited many acknowledgments and promises of support which have not yet been published. Mayor Nicholson, of Ladysmith, wrote announcing that his council gave the proposal their unanimous endorsement. Wm. Sloan, M. P., stated that he had given the matters mentioned

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his most urgent attention and that when he returned to Ottawa he would press for the much needed life-saving equipment for the west coast of Vancouver Island. Cumberland also endorsed the resolutions. Ralph Smith, M. P., promised to do everything in his power to have all the improvements desired adopted. Hon. W. Templeman affirmed that the whole question respecting marine disasters on the West Coast would receive the careful attention of the government and, he hoped, without avoidable delay. The Governor-General's secretary wrote as follows: Ottawa, 5th February, 1906. Sir—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of Your Worship's letter of the 27th ultimo enclosing copies of resolutions passed at a mass meeting of citizens of Victoria, in regard to measures to be taken to ensure the greater safety of ships; and to assure you that the letter has His Excellency's attention. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Worship's obedient servant, J. HANBURY WILKINS, Colonel, Governor-General's Secretary. His Worship the Mayor, Victoria, B. C. "VALENTINE" WEDDING. Mr. Lawford Richardson and Miss Hanington United in Matrimony at Cathedral. A "Valentine" wedding took place last evening at Christ Church cathedral, the contracting parties being Mr. Lawford Richardson, manager of the Ladners branch of the Royal Bank of

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MADAME L. M. MAYE.
—Ald. Hall gives notice that he will at to-night's meeting of the city council move that tenders be invited for the supply of electric appliances for the city for the balance of the year.

—A most varied and novel programme has been prepared by the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for their novelty concert, which will take place next Wednesday evening in the school room at the church. Programmes and tickets may be obtained from any of the choir members.

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—It is proposed to construct a small tank at the foreshore to drain the somewhat populous district between St. Lawrence street and the outer wharf. Engineer Topp estimates that the cost will be about \$18,000. The residents of the district have petitioned for the work.

—There are at present about 30 men employed by the city on sewerage work. The present scene of operation being at the foot of St. Charles street, through the Pemberton property. This drains a big district, and it is expected that the work will be completed shortly.

—"Tommy" Cumberbatch, who has been night clerk at the Balmoral hotel for the past couple of years, is severing his connection with that popular establishment, and the guests last night showed their esteem of Mr. Cumberbatch by presenting him with a beautiful case of pipes. The presentation was fittingly acknowledged and fully appreciated.

—In the police court this morning there was but one case called, that of M. Jarvis, charged with obstructing the public thoroughfare by allowing a quantity of hay to remain on a sidewalk. It was reported that the defendant was an hospital patient, under treatment for a gunshot wound, and the case was adjourned.

—The rebuilding of the Rock Bay bridge has been practically completed, but the work has not yet been officially taken over. The contractor is now engaged in painting the new structure. It is now open to traffic a few days. There is considerable traffic over the new bridge.

—The fine weather is tempting; baby's health depends on getting plenty of fresh air, hence the delightful display of the celebrated Whitney Baby Carriages and Co-Carts in Messrs. Weller Bros'. Broughton street window. The price of these renowned carriages and carts is no more than what you pay, in many cases for inferior makes.

Arrangements are being made by the two local lodges of the Knights of Pythias to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the order, on the 19th inst. The local Knights are determined to make the event the biggest success of the long services. An excellent musical and literary programme is being arranged for to be followed by a supper and ball.

—City Engineer Topp is preparing a list of concrete sidewalks which he proposes shall be constructed on the local improvement plan. There are about six miles in all, scattered over the various wards, and the cost will be approximately \$40,000. The proposition will probably be submitted at the meeting of the council to be held on Monday evening next.

—Percy Wollaston has been selected to represent this province at the annual meeting of the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild to be held in Montreal on the 22nd inst. Mr. Wollaston is president of the British Columbia Wholesale Grocers' Exchange. He leaves via the C. P. R. to-day for the East.

—Mr. W. Sproule Smith, son of Col. Smith, of Stratford, Ont., and Miss Ted Parker, second daughter of Mr. R. Parker, of 14 Beloit street, were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents. After the ceremony the happy couple left by the Sound boat on their honeymoon trip. On returning they will take up their residence at 41 Princess avenue.

THE B. C. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION.
The second annual convention of the above association will hold its meetings in the assembly room of the High school, commencing on the evening of the 19th inst., at 7:30 o'clock.

—The annual business meeting of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, was held on Tuesday evening last, and was largely attended. Rev. D. MacRae, pastor, presided, and congratulated the congregation upon the satisfactory progress made during the past year, which was the best in the history of the church, as shown by the reports of the session, board of management, Ladies' Aid, Y. P. S. C. E. and Sabbath school. In addition to providing for all current expenses, the balance of the mortgage on the church, \$900, had been paid, together with a liberal contribution to the missionary and benevolent schemes of the church. The retiring managers, W. D. Mackintosh, D. Fraser and H. Jacobson, were reappointed, with the following officers for the ensuing year: A. W. Semple, church warden; D. Fraser, secretary; W. D. Mackintosh, treasurer, and H. Jacobson, financial secretary.

NO CHANGE.
Matter of Sound Service Still in Abeyance—Casco at Drake's Bay.

While it is announced in Vancouver that the C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice will be withdrawn from the Victoria and Seattle route on the 15th and that the steamer Whatcom will take up the service on the following day, the Times is informed to-day that no definite arrangement has yet been made. So far as Capt. Troup knows the matter is still in abeyance.

According to telegraphic advices received yesterday from the North, the C. P. R. steamer Amur, Capt. McLeod, sailed south from Skagway on Sunday night. She is expected to arrive here to-day. She has 23 passengers for the Northern port and will probably pick up a few more en route south. It is believed that W. W. B. McInnes, Yukon commissioner, is coming south on the Amur. He left White Horse for Skagway on Thursday last, and would make connections with the C. P. R. steamer Governor McInnes in en route to Ottawa, and is accompanied by his private secretary and the members of his family.

The sealing schooner Casco, which left Victoria some weeks ago for an extended sealing cruise along this coast and to Copper Island, has arrived at Drake's Bay. The vessel is short of men and has called in at the California port to get three sailors. The master reports having spoken the Carlotia G. Cox, another of the sealing fleet, on the southern coast. Messrs. Peck & Brown have been awarded the contract for building a new 80-foot tug for the Westminster Fish & Towing Company, who already own and operate the tugs Dauntless, Fearless, etc. in these waters.

The steamship Cambrian King is expected from Vancouver to-morrow to enter dry dock for an overhauling. The steamship Ningschow, of the round world line, left Yokohama for Victoria on the 13th. Her cargo includes 500 tons of English freight for Victoria. The Shawmut, of the Boston Towboat line, left Yokohama on the 13th, but will not call here on this voyage.

R. M. S. Aorangi is due from the Antipodes.

—A billiard match was played between Duppe and Perry last evening at the Driard hotel. It resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 100 to 292 points. The game was witnessed by a number of interested spectators.

—We want every lady in Victoria to understand that by simply calling at Weller Bros., the complete housefurnishers, 23 Government street, they can obtain a complete needle outfit in ornamental calendar case.

—The Victoria Farmers' Institute will hold their annual basket social and dance at the agricultural hall, Saanich, to-morrow night. For the convenience of Victorians wishing to attend a special train will leave the market station at 7:30 p. m.

—True lovers of sport should not fail to attend the concert to be given in the Assembly hall of the Victoria High school on Friday evening in aid of the Athletic Association of that institution. An excellent programme has been prepared, and all who attend will spend an enjoyable evening.

—Hon. C. E. Pooley, Speaker of the legislature, and Mr. Pooley, will this evening entertain a number of the members of the House of Commons. Speaker Pooley each session entertains the members at his home at Fernwood. The dinner this evening is the first one given this session.

—At a meeting of the board of management of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society held last evening it was resolved to hold the annual meeting on the 15th of March in the Centennial Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Gladstone and others will deliver addresses. It is also suggested that the pastors of the different churches hold "Bible Sunday" previous to the annual meeting. Other minor matters were discussed.

—Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, is continuing his crusade against tuberculosis, and on Monday last, at New Westminster, addressed a meeting of clergymen and inaugurated a "Tuberculosis Sunday," so that the great danger of the dread disease be made known from the pulpit and preventive measures taken to check its spread. The various municipalities throughout the province will be asked to contribute to the maintenance of a sanitarium. Collectors will be appointed to raise funds, and there will be a general canvass of the parent society formed a couple of years ago in Victoria, to deal with the matter on Thursday, 22nd inst., in the city hall.

The Portland canal district promises to be the scene of great mineral activity this season, according to the reports of parties interested in that section. M. L. Stewart, one of the successful prospectors of the locality, passed through Victoria en route to Seattle a couple of days ago, and reported having bonded to the Brown-Alaska Co. the Maple Bay group of claims, situated some 25 miles up the canal. A crew of men are now at operation opening up the property, and as ground is established one ranging over 450 to the ton being uncovered. Mr. Stewart also reported having bonded the Sunbeam claim, three miles from the head of the canal, on Glacier creek to C. R. Procter, of Seattle. Two other claims on the same creek had also been bonded to Seattle people. Mr. Stewart predicts a brisk and profitable season for the district.

A GOOD PROGRAMME.
Given in First Congregational Church Last Evening—Enthusiastically Received.

An enjoyable concert was held in the First Congregational church last evening. Rev. H. A. Carson, pastor of the church, presided. After a few introductory remarks, a programme of song and instrumental music followed. A piano duet was given by the Misses B. and W. Scowcroft, which was very well received. Miss B. Howell tastefully rendered "Adoration." This was followed by another vocal selection contributed by Miss L. Talbot, the accompaniment being played on the violin by Jesse Longfield. Next on the programme came a vocal duet by H. F. Ives and W. T. Williams. They sang in good robust voice "Larford Watch." They were enthusiastically received, and responded with another pleasing number. Mr. Longfield's violin selection, which was accompanied by his father on the piano, also created a good impression. A spirited vocal selection by H. Moxon was next given. The girls, given by Messrs. Kinnaird, Grant and Sprague, brought the house down with laughter. A couple of vocal selections and a piano solo concluded a very excellent programme. These were provided by Mr. Ives and Miss B. Scowcroft. Mr. Ives' song was given in a clear and musically voice. But probably the most captivating number of the programme was the piano selection by Miss B. Scowcroft.

MAYOR MORLEY AND GAMBLING

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been an increase in the maintenance of \$28,01, and figures were quoted as follows: 1904, \$30,519.14; 1905, \$31,071.15. The fines for last year totalled \$4,112.20 against \$4,496.50 the year previous.

In the introduction of his report Sergeant Detective Palmer says: "I am pleased to be able to state that there has been no particularly atrocious crime; although the amount of lost and stolen property reported is far in excess of any preceding year; whilst I may say that fortunately the amount recovered is correspondingly large. The approximate amounts being shown at the conclusion of this resume. "The most important case was that of John Lapoint, who, on the 23rd of March, tried to murder the woman with whom he was living, by cutting her throat with a razor; he was recently arrested, and the following day sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary."

It goes on to enumerate some of the important cases, and then states: "In July last a young man, E. J. Webber, was sentenced to three years for forging a bill of sale. He was living with a friend who owned the furnishings of a house; and whilst this friend was away at work, Webber sold the whole of the household effects for cash, and made preparations to leave town, but was intercepted, with the foregoing result."

There were several other forgeries and offences resembling forgery, in many of which a conviction was recorded.

"In this connection I would mention that it frequently occurs that money and goods are obtained from business men and others by this means and the guilty parties leave the city before the police are notified. Under the existing conditions it is a waste of time in endeavoring to trace the culprit as neither the city or government will go to the expense of extraditions. Such cases are continually cropping up. For instance: Take the case of J. J. Call, in May last, who passed several forged checks, and after considerable work was located in Port Angeles, arrested, but upon representations being made to the authorities, we were informed that neither the government nor city would incur the expense of bringing him back; so he was released and the matter dropped. I would therefore suggest that something be done to remedy this state of affairs."

Sergeant Detective Palmer adds that it often happens that criminals study the vigilance of the police, and as an illustration relates the following incident: "On Sunday morning, 29th of January, at about 2 o'clock, an unsuccessful attempt was made to blow open the safe at John's Bros., by two men; a few nights later these men were located on the outgoing Sound boat, but not soon enough to arrest them here. The Seattle police were communicated with, and upon the arrival of the boat in that city were taken in charge by the police and identified as being professional safe crackers with a record, and were charged with carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to 15 days. Upon their release they broke several more safes and are now wanted by the police of that city."

Concluding the report says: "I would again call your attention to the insufficiency of room in this office; and would advocate the improvements mentioned in my former report; also that some other method of heating this office be installed, as that in use now is decidedly injurious to health."

These reports were ordered printed. Thos. E. Lancashire and T. Z. W. Saunders made application for positions upon the police staff. They were laid over.

An application was received from the sergeants of the local force for an increase in salary. Request refused. Mr. Mable introduced the abolition of the nickel in the slot machine question. He pointed out that there was a general complaint as a result of the action taken by the Mayor. He wanted to know whether it could properly be termed "gambling."

His Worship, replying, stated that it had been decided in the courts that the use of these machines was "gambling," and he added "all gambling must be suppressed." Mr. Mable explained that the local cigar dealers claimed that the lack of the nickel in the slot machines had hurt their business. They stated that they themselves they were not money making. The only way their absence affected them was by the loss of a means of attracting patronage.

There were two sides to the question, remarked the Mayor. In his opinion the machines often induced men to spend money which might be used to far better advantage among their families. It was much better that such unnecessarily expended money should be diverted to the homes.

Replying, Mr. Mable contended that smokers would buy cigars under any circumstances. "Then the loss of the machines can't hurt the cigar trade," retorted the Mayor. He went on to say that it appeared to him that the tobaccoists were unjustly placing the blame of the present rather slack season upon the loss of the machines. There was very little public work being done now, and times were, perhaps, not as prosperous as at other periods, and the dealers were endeavoring to blame the poor trade upon the fact that the regulations were being stringently enforced. Providing he could be shown any reason for the re-opening of the matter, he would be pleased to do so. It wasn't his desire to appear to be acting as an ascetic.

Ald. Douglas thought matters were going a little too far. Personally, he believed that the interests of the cigar dealers should be taken into consideration. Mayor Morley then announced that there was only one way in which the matter could be re-opened, and that was by referring it to the courts. It was already been decided that the use of nickel in the slot machines was gambling, and he would have to have proof to the contrary before permitting them to be introduced again. He believed his prerogative gave him authority to attend to the enforcement of

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the law. The power of the commissioners could not influence his actions in attending to what he took to be his duty. He understood that the principal work of the commissioners was to look after the administration of the police force.

Mr. Mable didn't think that the introduction of the machines would have much effect towards good or evil. It was a small matter. He left the chief of police to define the regulations, considering that that official was better acquainted with its provisions. It appeared that the chief had passed the instructions along to his subordinates, and Sergt. Redgrave, putting his own interpretation upon the orders, had cleared away the machines in question.

Afterwards he had gone into the matter with Chief Langley and discussed the nickel in the slot machines had been declared in a decision rendered by a judge of the Supreme court to be gambling. That ascertained, he ratified the step taken and intended to stand by it. Upon suggestion instructions were given Secretary Keating to obtain a copy of the judgment in the Morris case in which a finding was rendered against the latter with reference to the use of machines. It will be presented at the next meeting. Ald. Douglas made a few remarks at this juncture to the effect that it was only human nature which prompted a "young fellow" to drop a nickel in a machine in the hope of obtaining a cigar. In his youth he had been rather fond of sport—horse racing and such like, but he had settled down long since. "Then you think it wise to pander to such vices?" interjected the Mayor. "I don't think the use of a nickel in the slot machine vice," replied Ald. Douglas. This concluded the discussion. The meeting then adjourned.

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Property Conducted Fire Drills Must be Held in Schools--Preparing For Convention.

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Chairman Huggett reported that he had seen Mr. Dougan, and the latter had estimated that there would be 40 here for the meeting or twice the number in attendance as last year.

At this juncture Mr. Dougan arrived. C. H. Topp, city engineer, notified the board that the Rock Bay school must be connected with the sewer within one month.

The secretary then read three communications from the school trustees regarding the manner in which correspondence received from the trustees had been dealt by the council.

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This assurance was granted. Trustee Mowat moved that the council be asked to improve the path around the South Park school and that a sidewalk be built in front of the Kingston street school.

A discussion followed about the council giving up of council chamber to the use of the Victoria Musical Society, depriving the trustees of their regular meeting place.

Supt. Eaton next drew attention to the disrepair of the Rock Bay school. Referred to the building and grounds committee.

Chairman Huggett then introduced J. J. Dougan, of Vancouver, who had been prepared for the convention of the school trustees' association.

Chairman Huggett asked for suggestions, but the only one was that of Trustee Dr. Hall, who recommended that all children of a certain age be removed from the schools.

Chairman Huggett then reported that on Tuesday evening a social gathering will be held which will be attended by members of the House, the Mayor, aldermen and clergy of the city.

The meeting will be held by E. C. School Trustees' Association in the assembly room of the High school.

Trustee Mowat, Cameron and Mr. Dougan; reception - Trustees Lewis, Mowat and Hall; concert - Trustee Jay with the co-operation of the faculty of the High school.

Trustee Miss Cameron moved that the chairman's suggestions were approved.

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sent a cup for competition in the intermediate league series. This was gratefully accepted and instructions were given the secretary to write thanking the donors for their handsome trophy.

After some discussion it was agreed to defer the presentation of the various cups and medals to the winning teams until the Vancouver Island League was prepared to do so in order that the ceremony might be held in conjunction.

When the question of the nature of the wards was considered the juniors showed an inclination to prefer medals while the intermediates and seniors favored cups. A successful but energetic committee was appointed to secure the trophies.

It is understood that it will be necessary to augment the available funds to some extent, but no difficulty is anticipated as those interested believe that there are many Victorians who will only be too glad to demonstrate their love of amateur sport by contributing liberal subscriptions.

The official winners for the season were announced as follows: Senior, Victoria-United, Intermediates, Centra; Juniors, Centra.

Other matters were discussed, after which the meeting adjourned.

TEAM MEETS TO-MORROW. To-morrow evening a meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. A. Intermediate League will be held in the rooms, Broad street.

The gathering has been called at the instance of the physical committee of the association for the purpose of making arrangements for the league game scheduled to be played on Saturday.

This contest will be first of the Vancouver Island league for consideration, and a full attendance is desired. Manager Whyte intends to spare no effort in putting the team upon such a footing that it will be able to reverse the result of the Intermediate District League which it will remember resulted in a win for the Centra.

The narrow margin of a goal. It is to be hoped that all the players will give him the support necessary providing they are in earnest in their desire to win the Island and provincial championships.

BASKETBALL. V. W. A. A. VS. Y. M. C. A. An intermediate basketball match, the last of the local series, will be played between the Y. M. C. A. and Victoria West teams this evening at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium.

The former club's gymnasium. The game is expected to prove close and interesting. Both sides are strong and confident and what is more to the point, have been practicing steadily for the past few weeks.

The personnel of the respective teams follows: Y. M. C. A.: Guards, Matheson and Mason; centers, Nute; forwards, McKelrick and Whyte.

Victoria West: Guards, Stevens and Jenkins; centre, Wilson; forwards, Brown and Corkell.

Charles Fairall will act as referee, while H. Gairall will umpire.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. VICTORIANS' ACCOUNT. In a letter to a friend in the city William Sweeney, a former Victoria Rugby player, has the following to say in discussing the recent match between the All-British Columbia team and the New Zealanders.

"The game was played in Berkeley, on the University of California grounds, and, as the day happened to be rainy, it made the ground very soft. In fact, it was a typical Brockton Point field. This should have helped the British Columbia team as they all from Vancouver, with the exception of Barnack and Schofield.

"In spite of the weather, a good crowd turned out, including President Jordan, of Stanford University, and President Wheeler, of Berkeley. The New Zealanders, or the 'All-Blacks' as they are called on account of their dark skins, started things with a rush. Although the British Columbia team was able to hold them in the scrums, they were no match for them in the open.

"The New Zealanders break away like lightning, and their combination play is something wonderful to witness. The way they play the game is similar to the English style, with the exception that 'hand-balling' is allowed, and there are not so many scrums.

"Schofield made a good half back and did yeoman work for the losers. Barnack played his usual good game at forward, and with Worsfold and Fenwick they made a good trio. The Sawyer brothers, especially Owen, showed up well, but there was no stopping the determined rushes of the winners, and the 'All-Blacks' piled up a score of 42 points to their opponents' 7. However, the game was not as uneven as the score indicates.

"The New Zealanders are all native born, with one exception-their captain, Gallagher, who honors Ireland as his place of birth.

"As a demonstration the game was a success, and no doubt will be adopted as a whole, or in parts, by the big colleges here."

THE TURF. AN AFFIDAVIT. A San Francisco dispatch dated yesterday says: "An affidavit was made 16-day in connection with the race at Memphis between Maxtor Delmar and Lou Dillon by A. H. Peir, a veterinary surgeon, who says that he was official veterinary of the Memphis Racing Association at the time the horses contested for the \$50,000 gold cup. In his sworn statement Peir says that after the heat he was summoned to attend Lou Dillon, who was said to have an attack of the 'thumps.' On examination he says he found nothing wrong with the mare more than nervousness. 'Mr. Howe insisted that the mare should be treated for the thumps,' the statement says, 'therefore I administered a small dose of belladonna which was sufficient to kill the speed of the strongest and fastest horse in the world for the time being.'"

LAWN TENNIS. THE COWICHAN CLUB. The Cowichan Tennis Club have decided to start a new club with courts near Duncan, grounds for same having been leased from the municipality.

At an inquest at Marylebone, it was stated that the death of Claude Leggett, a young medical officer from the Gold Coast, who had been staying in London, was due to erysipelas caused by a scratch with a pin on the neck while adjusting his tie.

The Crimson Blind By FRED. M. WHITE

CHAPTER XXVII--(Continued.)

"Well, you are certainly a cool hand," she said. "You are two clever thieves who have come here for the express purpose of robbing Lord Littimer of one of his art treasures. I happen to catch one, and he immediately becomes the son of the owner of the place. I am so fortunate as to bag the other bird, and he resolves himself into a relative of my host's. And you really expect me to believe a Hans Anderson fairly story like that!"

"I admit that appearances are against me," Henson said, humbly. "Oh, indeed. Then why didn't you care in through the front door? The violent exercise you were taking just now must be dangerous to a man of your build!"

"I am afraid I shall have to make a clean breast of it," Henson said, with what he fondly imagined to be an engaging smile. "You may, perhaps, be aware that Rembrandt and ship history. It was stolen from its present owner once, and I have always said that it will be stolen again. Many a time have I urged Lord Littimer to make it secure."

"How grateful you should be to me for having done so!" Henson said. "Ah, you are cynical still, which is a bad thing for one so young and charming. I came down here to see my very noble relative, and his son accompanied me. I came to try and make peace between father and son. But that is a family matter which, forgive me, I cannot discuss with a stranger. Our train was late, or we should have been here long ago. On reaching the castle it struck me as a good idea to give Lord Littimer a lesson as to his carelessness. My idea was to climb through the window, absent the Rembrandt, and slip nimbly into my usual bedroom here. Then in the morning, after the picture has been missed, I was going to tell the story. That is why Mr. Littimer entered this way and why I followed when I found that he had failed to return. It was a foolish thing to do, and the denouement has been most humiliating. I assure you that is all."

"Not quite," Christabel drawled. "There is something else." "And what may that be, my dear young lady?" "To tell your story to Lord Littimer before you sleep. That thing of romance may do for Great Britain, but it wouldn't make good family reading in the States."

"But, my dear young lady, I beg of you, implore you." "Come off the grass! I'm to let you go quietly to bed and retire myself, so that when morning arrives you will be missing together with as much plunder as you can carry away. No, sir."

Henson advanced angrily. His prudent had gone for the time. As he came down upon Christabel she raised her revolver and fired two shots in quick succession over Henson's shoulder. The noise went echoing and reverberating along the corridor like a crackling of thunder. A door came open with a creak, then a voice demanded to know what was wrong.

"Now I guess the fat is in the fire," Christabel said. Henson dropped into a chair and groaned. Lord Littimer, elegantly attired in a suit of silk pyjamas and carrying a revolver in his hand, came coolly down the corridor. A curious servant or two would have followed, but he waved them back crisply.

"Miss Lee," he said, with a faint, sarcastic emphasis, "and my dear friend and relative, Reginald Henson--"

Reginald, the future owner of Littimer Castle!" "So he told me, but I wouldn't believe him," said Christabel. "It is a cynical age," Littimer remarked. "Reginald, what does this mean?"

Henson shook his head uneasily. "The young lady persisted in taking me for a burglar," he groaned. "And why not?" Christabel demanded. "I was just going to bed when I heard voices in the forecourt below and footsteps creeping along. I came into the corridor with my revolver. Presently one of the men climbed up the ivy and got into the corridor. I covered him with my revolver and fairly drove him into a bedroom and locked him in."

"So you killed with both barrels?" Littimer asked, with infinite enjoyment. "The young lady persisted in taking me for a burglar," he groaned. "Nothing of the kind," the wretched Henson cried. "I came to give you a lesson, Lord Littimer. My idea was to get in through the window, steal the Rembrandt, and when you had missed it, confess the whole story. My character is safe."

"Giddy," Littimer said, reproachfully. "You are so young, so boyish, so buoyant, Reginald. What would your future constituents have said had they seen you creeping up the ivy? They are a grave people who take themselves seriously. Regard, this would be a lovely story for one of those prying society papers, 'The Philanthropist and the Picture.' I've a good mind to send it to the press myself."

Littimer sat down and laughed with pure enjoyment. "And where is the other partridge?" he asked, presently. Christabel seemed to hesitate for a moment, her sense of humor of the situation had departed. Her hand shook as she turned the key in the door.

"I am afraid you are going to have an unpleasant surprise," Henson said. Littimer glanced keenly at the speaker. All the laughter died out of his eyes; his face grew set and stern as Frank Littimer emerged into the light.

"And what are you doing here?" he asked, hoarsely. "What do you expect to gain by taking part in a fool's trick like this? Did I not tell you never to show your face here again?" The young man said nothing. He stood there looking down, dogged, quiet, like one tongue-tied. Littimer thundered out his question again. He crossed over, laying his hands on his son's shoulders and shaking him as a terrier might shake a rat.

"Did you come for anything?" he demanded. "Did you expect any mercy from--" Frank Littimer shook off his grasp gently. He looked up for the first time. "If I expect nothing," he said, "I did not come of my own free will. I am silent now for the sake of myself and others. But the time may come--God knows it has been long delayed. For the present, I am bound in honor to hold my tongue."

He flashed one little glance at Henson, a long, angry glance. Littimer looked from one to the other in hesitation for a moment. The hard lines between his brows softened. (To be continued.)

Heard in the Clerkenwell County court the other day: Debtor--I am a dealer in coal. Solicitor--What do you mean by that? Judge Edge--A coal dealer. (Laughter.) Solicitor--You buy and sell coal? Judge Edge--I should say you are right again.

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PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Many Important Subjects Will be Introduced at Meeting to be Held Next Week.

All programme arrangements for the second annual convention of the British Columbia Association of School Trustees were completed this morning. The convention is to be held on the 19th, 20th and 21st instant in the school board room, Victoria. It is hoped by those interested that there will be a large attendance. It is expected that a representative of every rural and city school in the province will be present.

The opening session will take place on Monday evening, commencing at 7.30. For this and subsequent sessions the programme agreed upon, which embodies suggestions from nearly all the schools in the province, will be as follows: Monday. First session-Enrollment of members, election of officers, appointment of committees and perfecting the organization. Tuesday. Second session, 9 a. m.-The time and duration of school hours and summer vacation. Discussion led by Trustee Lewis. Establishment of a British Columbia University. Discussion led by Miss Cameron. Teachers' certificates. Discussion led by J. J. Dougan. Third session, 2 p. m.-Government supply of text books either free to pupils or at cost. Discussion led by Trustee Carroll. Abolishing written examinations to High schools. Discussion led by Trustee Creighton. Educational paper, "What is Worth Most?" Chairman Huggett. Fourth session, Tuesday evening. Reception by Victoria board in the College rooms. Wednesday. Fifth session, 9 a. m.-Times of admission of primary pupils. Discussion led by Mrs. Jenkins. On making more practical our school curriculum. Discussion led by Trustee Peck. Question drawer. Sixth session, 2 p. m.-Health inspection of school buildings and school pupils. Discussion led by Trustee Dr. E. Hall. Centralization of rural schools. Discussion led by Trustee Henderson. Seventh session-Method of raising, collecting and applying school funds. Discussion led by Trustee Mowat. Paper, "The School and the Home," by Trustee Miss Cameron. Unfinished business.

The present officers of the association are as follows: President, William Clubb, Vancouver; vice-president, James Cunningham, New Westminster; and secretary-treasurer, J. J. Dougan, Vancouver. ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY. Without the Usual Mask and Six-shooter-Two Arrests. There are two prisoners in the city lock-up since last night on a charge of highway robbery. They were arrested by the city police on the information of Joe Ferriet, who runs a bootblack stand at the Savoy theatre. According to the story told by Ferriet, he was going home last night about 10 o'clock and when at Glenford avenue outside the city limits, he was joined by two men, one of whom, he alleges, was in his employ-a young fellow named Ralph Huett, who arrived in town from New Westminster a week ago. Huett applied for work at the bootblack stand, and was told by Ferriet that while he could not give him a job there he could find something for him to do at his little ranch at Oak Bay. The boy went to the ranch and worked there up to Saturday last, when he was brought in to help with the boots, and worked at the stand on Saturday night, Sunday and Monday morning, when he was paid off. This last with a tall man, were the parties by whom Ferriet says he was attacked. The big fellow carried a shotgun, which he presented, while the little chap went through the victim's pockets, relieving him of \$73. The gun was then presented at Ferriet, and he was ordered to go home and not attempt to go to town under penalty of death. However, he says that when he reached home, he harnessed a horse and drove in with

all haste to report the matter to the police. Shortly afterwards Huett was arrested on board the Princess Victoria, having taken a ticket for Vancouver, and later on his supposed accomplice was located at the Empire hotel and taken into custody. As the offence was committed outside the city limits, although the accused were arrested in town, it is a case for the provincial police, who are now investigating it.

PERSONAL. Miss E. Ford, of Duncan, was among the arrivals from up the line last evening. She left by the steamer Princess Victoria for Vancouver in order to take a position on the nursing staff at the new Vancouver hospital. A number of young ladies, well known in local social circles, are serving their probationary period at that institution, among whom is Miss M. Johns, who has been residing in the Terminal City for the past three or four months.

Mr. and Mrs. Adamson, of Alberta, H. Mitten and Miss Mitten, of Moosemin; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dick, of Vancouver; Miss M. T. Davis, of Hamilton; and Miss S. J. Dadds, of Waterloo, Ont., are at the Dominion hotel.

F. H. Boule, of Blaine, Wash.; Dr. G. A. Martin, of Ellensburg, Wash.; Geo. H. Halse, A. H. Wallbridge and A. McEvoy, of Vancouver; E. Royford and wife, and E. C. Douglass, of Calgary, are registered at the Driard hotel.

G. S. Thompson, of Toronto; E. E. Potts, of Vancouver; H. D. Conway, of Ladysmith; and James M. Hatfield, of Seattle, are in the city. They are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.

Miss H. Keast, of Duncan; A. W. Johnson, of Montreal; Alex. Sprout, of Sedro Wolley, Wash.; and H. J. Hutchison, of Vancouver, are among the guests at the King Edward hotel.

Manager Putnam, of the Hingston-Smith Arms Co., of Winnipeg, is at the Oak Bay hotel. He will be joined later by his wife.

Mrs. Garrett and family, of Winnipeg, are among those who will shortly take up their temporary residence in this city.

W. A. Morkill, of the lumber firm of that name in Winnipeg, is in the city on a visit and is charmed with Victoria.

At this evening's meeting of the city council there will be a deputation from the board of school trustees in attendance to support of the estimates as presented by that body.

There was a conference to-day in the office of Ald. Yates, of the municipal officers now visiting the city, at which several clauses of the Municipalities Act were gone through and certain amendments suggested. The Municipal Elections Act was also under discussion.

MINE OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES. Brief Statement Issued After Conference Held in New York. (Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 15.-The miners' representatives and operators went into conference shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting was held in the office of the trunk line association.

The following joint statement was issued after the meeting: There was a full representation of the mine owners and workers at the meeting called to order, with Mr. Conwell in the chair. Mr. Mitchell addressed the meeting and stated in general the terms of the proposition desired by the miners. He said that the same had not been entirely formulated in detail. After a brief discussion it was concluded that the miners and operators should each appoint a committee of seven to represent them in the future in reference to the matter. A committee was appointed to represent the miners. The understanding was that after the committee terminated their work they should report to the committee of the whole.

An adjournment was then had with the understanding that the committee would arrange for further meetings.

THE JEWEL ROBBERY. Man Has Confessed to Complicity-Number of Diamonds Recovered. (Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 15.-Harry Hazzard, who claims to be an insurance agent of New York, confessed to-day to complicity in the diamond robbery at McMillan's store last Saturday night. He declares that a third party smashed the window, and that he and a man named Barrington, for whom the police are now looking, bought them from the thief. Sixteen out of thirty-two diamonds were recovered this morning. Nine were in the butt of Hazzard's loaded revolver, while the remainder were this morning taken from the safety deposit vault in the Royal bank.

A hundred and ninety emigrants from Tottenham sailed on Tuesday for Canada per Canadian Pacific liner Lake Champlain from Liverpool. The emigrants are assisted by the Rothschild emigration fund. Their passage is paid and situations found for them in Canada. They all agree to pay back the amount advanced them. The committee of the Queen's unemployed fund has granted the Salvation Army £2,500 to assist emigration to Canada. The army will add a similar amount for a similar purpose.

ENORMOUS GROWTH IN CANADIAN TRADE

Increase of Over Forty-Four Million Dollars Compared With Seven Months Last Year.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 15.-The aggregate trade of Canada for the seven months ending January was \$44,261,143 greater than for the same time last year. An idea of the enormous growth of the trade of the Dominion during the past few years may be formed when it is pointed out that the seven months show a greater volume of business by over sixty-six million dollars than the whole year of 1897 when the British preference was adopted.

The imports, dutiable and free, for the seven months were \$18,250,403, compared with \$140,484,425, an increase of \$15,774,973 over the previous year. The exports were \$150,534,433, compared with \$125,230,485, being an increase of \$25,303,948. In regard to exports there was an increase in every branch of trade. The output of the mines shows an increase of over half a billion, the fisheries over three and a half millions, the forests one and a half million animals and other products four and a half millions, manufactures one and three-quarter millions, while agriculture heads the list with a little short of fourteen millions. The total aggregate trade for the seven months was \$332,715,336, as against \$279,355,690, showing, as already stated, an increase of over forty-four millions.

AT THE THEATRES. Nance O'Neil at the Victoria Next Week-Now Play at Watson-Attractions at Grand.

The most important event in the local theatrical season will be the appearance here of Nance O'Neil, America's greatest tragedienne, who is to be seen at the Victoria theatre on Monday night. She will be seen in Giacomo's great tragedy, "Elizabeth, Queen of England," in which she has won her greatest triumphs in Australia, South Africa and London. For the second night of her engagement, Miss O'Neil has consented to play Sudermann's "Masga," so many requests having been made that she be seen in this superb characterization. For "Elizabeth," the entire scenery, costumes and effects will be brought to Victoria for this engagement.

There is no instance in the history of the American stage where an actress has achieved such remarkable success and over which such a wide extent of the world's territory, as has Nance O'Neil, in every portion of the civilized world, the name of Nance O'Neil is known to hundreds of thousands, and in every country in which she has appeared, she has played to phenomenal business. She has visited every state in the Union, and her name is known throughout England. She has played in Australia and New Zealand, in Hawaii and in the Land of the Pharaohs. In Cairo, Nance O'Neil has played to cosmopolitan audiences, including the Khedive of Egypt and the entire diplomatic corps.

At the close of this season, Nance O'Neil, with the largest company ever taken to the Orient, is to travel through the realm of the Mikado of Japan; she will visit China, the Straits Settlements and also the principal cities of India, presenting the greatest repertoire of classical plays ever gathered together for such a tour. She will be supported by a specially selected company, and will be equipped in style that outdistances any previous visit of an actress to those lands. The scenery, costumes and effects for the various plays to be given will amount to four hundred tons.

In like manner, Nance O'Neil is being presented by her manager, McKee Rankin, on her present tour. The various plays in which she appears are mounted in the most lavish style it would be possible to give.

The Watson. To-night the Watson stock company will present Jack Burford's great comedy drama, "The Emigrant." The piece will run out the balance of the week, with the usual Saturday matinee. These last performances will be in the nature of a farewell, as the Watson players go on the road next week.

The Pringle Company. The Pringle company, which will come to the Victoria theatre on Monday evening, is recognized as the leading travelling stock company of the coast.

Mr. Pringle has recently engaged the talented emotional actress, Miss Louisa Rowan, as his leading lady; also the brilliant young romantic actor, Harry Fahney, who was Miss Rowan's leading support during her starring tour through the Northwest. They are to open their engagement here in the comedy drama, "Across the Sea." The scenes of the play are laid in France and Italy. There is just enough comedy element in the piece to keep one's nerves from being overwrought during the many sensational and thrilling climaxes.

The Pringle company will continue to change the programme twice weekly, as has been the custom of the Watson.

The Grand. As an individual performer the coast caterers in vaudeville have sent no one to Victoria of better quality than Miss Lola Stanton, the young violinist, now appearing at the Grand theatre, and whom Peter Robinson, the nestor of San Francisco critics, happily christened "The American Marie Hall." Miss Stanton is a graduate of the Boston conservatory. Her technique is amazing, but her performance of the most difficult passages of DeBeriot's seventh concerto, which is her first number in the Grand programme, is marked by charming ease and confidence. She is what is inherent and not the result of musical education-a player of wide and deep sympathy, and her novel exemplification of illustrated songs without words proves a revelation in two realms of art.

A basketball match will be played between the Fifth Regiment, Juniors and the High school cadet team this evening at the drill hall.

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A. F. & A. M. FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., B. C. R., are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, Friday, February 16th, at 2.30 p. m., sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late W. Bro. G. H. B. Sprout, of White Horse Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; G. R. M.

Members of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, United Service Lodge, No. 24, and sojourning brethren in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the W. M. B. C. ODDY, Secretary.

DIED. SPROAT-Suddenly, at the Jubilee hospital, on the 14th inst., Gilbert Hector Shaw Sprout, superintendent, engineer, White Pass & Yukon River Division, aged 37.

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Word has been received by local friends of the wedding of Mr. R. Layritz, of Victoria, and Miss J. M. E. Vetter, which took place on the 21st of January in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Layritz will reside in Victoria.

In Chambers this morning, before Mr. Justice Irving, an order was made for publication in a petition under the Titles Act, in the case of J. G. Willy. The civil sittings have been adjourned for a week, the Chief Justice having disposed of the case of Dominey vs. Waitt & Co. It was an action brought to cancel a contract to purchase a piano, and was dismissed.

A deputation from the Victoria board of school trustees, consisting of Chairman Huggett and Trustees Mowat and Miss Cameron waited upon the government this morning and entered a protest against the university bill before the House. The resolution passed by the meeting of the trustees last evening was presented.

A reception will be tendered Hon. William Tompkins by the Liberal club on his return to Victoria early next week. Ralph Smith, M. P., William Stewart, M. P., J. A. MacDonald, leader of the opposition in the local house, and other members of the Commons and legislature will be invited to attend. The evening's programme will include songs and speeches.



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